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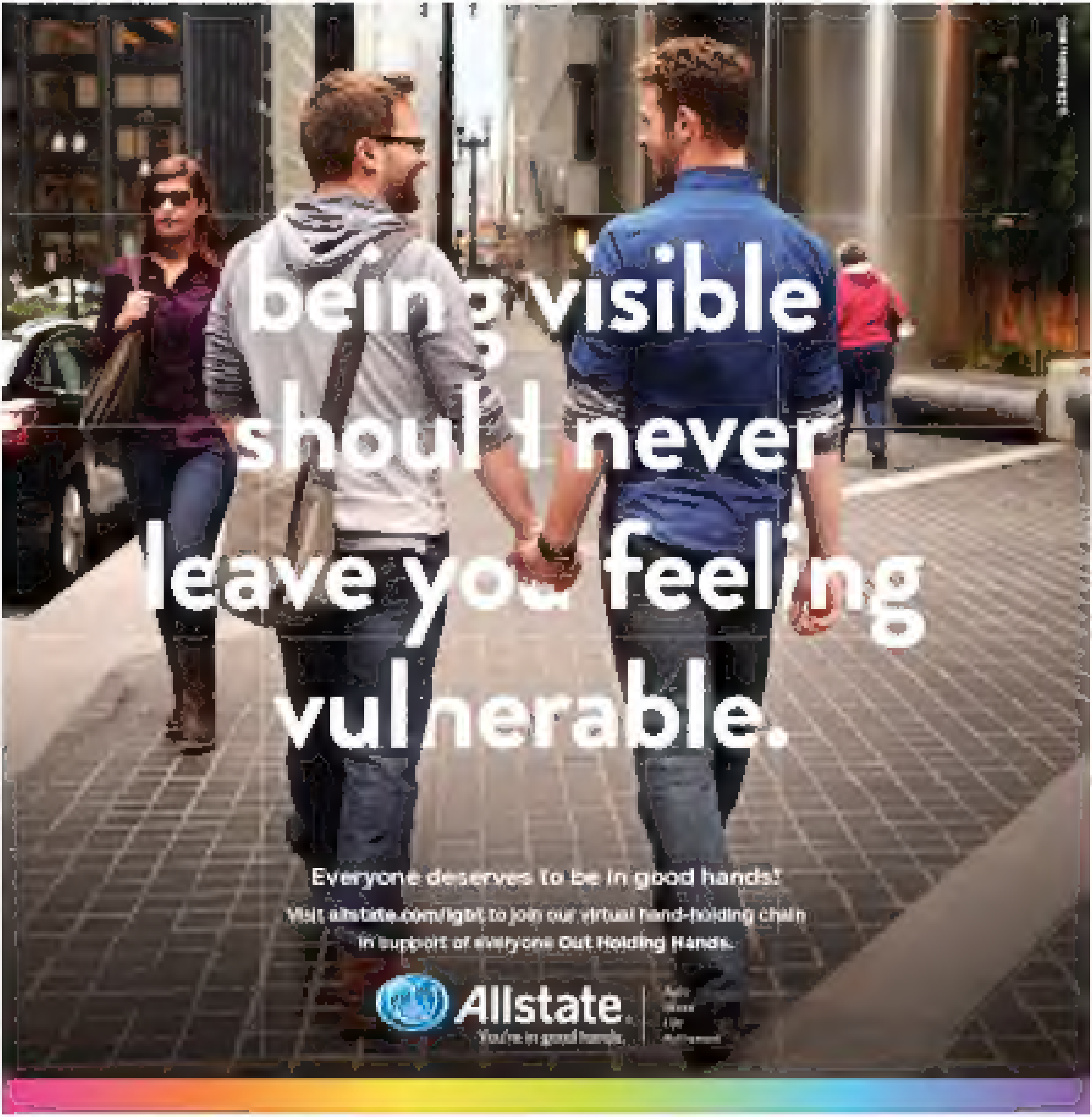
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'A Riot is the Language of the Unheard'

Correction



Facebook's Lack of Integrity

The changes to the company's new Real Names policy have been superficial at best.

By Sean Sullivan

June is National LGBT Pride Month, and while our country has made many advances toward marriage equality, discrimination against LGBT-identified people continues in many forms, as evidenced by Facebook's deeply flawed "Real Names" policy and how it has played out over the past several months.

Since last fall, San Francisco drag queens — many of whom are members of the colorfully named troupe of community activist drag queens known as the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence — have been calling attention to Facebook's new policy. Facebook now requires users to use their true, legal names. The company did not start off with this policy, and many people had been using whatever names they wanted. However, as anyone who has spent time on the site knows, as Facebook has grown, so have its restrictions and rules.

More than 1.5 billion people are on Facebook and the company is delighted to gather as much information about you as possible. And as Facebook gathers this information, the company wants to make sure that you're you so it can target advertising and make money off you — in exchange for using Facebook for free.

Fair enough, but there are many people who have been using Facebook for building up communities, for sharing important information, and for starting businesses based around their professional personas — and many don't use their legal names. And many of them — including drag performers, trans people, Native Americans, and domestic violence survivors — have very good reasons for not using their legal or birth names on Facebook.

Yet, according to some people, Facebook appears to have targeted Black people first with its new policy. "African-Americans were the first affected by this name policy," said African-American drag king Alex U. Inn, who remarked that Facebook determined that "many of our names didn't seem authentic enough." Not surprisingly, users affected by Facebook's new policy responded quickly and publicly.

Last October, San Francisco Supervisor David Campos got Facebook to meet with people impacted by the new policy, including members of a group that calls itself the #MyNameIs Campaign. Lots of pleasantries were exchanged, but much to the chagrin of activists, Facebook only made superficial changes to its policy, including that you now have a week to prove your identity before the company will delete your profile.

And in some ways, things may actually have gotten worse. Some users must now navigate a labyrinth of online message boxes in an effort to prove their identities. "It's like I have to prove I exist to an algorithm," said Oakland-based drag queen Nanny Ann Thrope at the #MyNameIs Coalition protest at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park on June 1. Alex U. Inn said that the language of Facebook's initial contact was aggressive and accusatory — "like how dare you use a name that is not yours?"

In 2010, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg stated that having two profiles or "identities" on his site reveals a "lack of integrity." He has since softened his stance in press statements, but his new words don't reflect his actions. Campos recently told me that Facebook's wishy-washy "say-the-right-thing-but-don't-follow-through-on-the-actions" position has resulted in the current standoff.

Over the years, drag queens have led nearly every major LGBT revolt, including Stonewall. And so last month, the #MyNameIs Coalition brought its concerns to the San Francisco Pride Board of Directors — a community elected body. But the SF Pride board voted to keep Facebook as a sponsor in a vote of 5-4. "Unlawful" some cried.

According to Pride board members, they were guided by long-held standards and practices of the organization. Some of them also wanted Facebook employees to be able to march in the Pride parade. SF Pride Board President Gary Virginia pointed out to me that Facebook has a perfect Equality Workplace Index ranking with the Human Rights Campaign, and had filed supportive briefs on behalf of LGBT employees with the US Supreme Court. It also created an "It Gets Better" video to offer support to bullied and abused LGBT teens. "And frankly, the SF Pride board does not exist to correct every social ill," Virginia said. "Facebook told us they know this is an important policy and they continue to want to work with the community to make the policy better."

As for Facebook itself, the company has been pretty quiet on the subject. Company representatives did not respond to multiple attempts to contact them. Others in the media have received pat responses from Facebook reps that cite that company's record on LGBT rights. It's a technique that mirrors the appeals process when your account is shutdown: You type your request in a box and maybe someone will get back to you.

However, if this policy is not corrected and this strategy of non-engagement with the public continues, Facebook will be facing more questions about its own "lack of integrity."

For more information, see MyNameIsCampaign.org.

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Financing the Destruction of American Lives

The sad and costly marriage between Wall Street and CalSTRS, the pension fund for California public school teachers

By Jay Youngdahl



It's Time to Vote for Best of the East Bay!

Where are your favorite places to slurp noodles, bargain-shop, and get drunk? Cast your votes for our Best of the East Bay issue! Voting begins on Wednesday, June 3.

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Arts & Culture

Best annual event
Best art gallery
Best artist
Best band
Best dance company
Best DJ night at a club
Best [illegible]
Best local author
Best local filmmaker
Best museum
Best music venue
Best music festival
Best new arts venue
Best new cultural event
Best nightclub
Best performing arts venue
Best place to see a movie
Best record label
Best theater company
Category we didn't think of

Goods & Services

Best art and craft supplies
Best antique store
Best bagels
Best bakery
Best barbershop
Best bike shop
Best bookstore
Best boutique
Best brewery
Best butcher shop
Best cannabis dispensary
Best car repair
Best children's store
Best eyeglass shop
Best farmers' market
Best furniture store
Best game store
Best grocery store
Best hair salon
Best local winery
Best locally produced goods
Best [illegible] shop
Best massage
Best new business
Best pet store
Best place for [illegible]
Best plant nursery
Best record store
Best sex shop
Best shoe store
Best spa
Best specialty food store
Best tattoo shop or artist
Best used or vintage clothing
Best veterinarian
Best wine shop
Category we didn't think of

People & Places

Best activist
Best co-working space
Best [illegible]
Best company to work for
Best local Instagram account
Best local Twitter account
Best neighborhood
Best nonprofit or charity
Best park
Best pick-up spot
Best place to learn DIY or
[illegible]
Best place to take the kids
Best place to walk your dog
Best politician
Best professor or college instructor
Best urban garden
Best [illegible]
Category we didn't think of

Restaurants & Bars

Best African restaurant
Best ambiance at a restaurant
Best bar
Best barbecue
Best bartender
Best beer bar
Best breakfast/brunch
Best [illegible]
Best cafe
Best California cuisine
Best chef
Best Chinese restaurant
Best cocktails
Best coffee
Best delivery service
Best dessert place
Best food at a bar
Best ice cream
Best Indian/Pakistani restaurant
Best Italian restaurant
Best Japanese/sushi restaurant
Best kid-friendly restaurant
Best Korean restaurant
Best late-night food
Best locally sourced/organic menu
Best Mexican restaurant
Best Middle Eastern restaurant
Best mobile food vendor
Best new bar
Best new restaurant
Best outdoor seating
Best pizza
Best restaurant for a date
Best sandwiches
Best seafood
Best server at a restaurant
Best Southeast Asian restaurant
Best Southern/soul food
Best special occasion restaurant
Best takeout
Best vegetarian/vegan restaurant
Category we didn't think of

Sports & Leisure

Best bike ride
Best boot camp
Best boxing/martial arts studio
Best [illegible]
Best fitness class
Best fitness instructor
Best group athletic activity
Best gym
Best neighborhood park
Best outdoor or sporting goods store
Best place to hike
Best place to picnic
Best place to run
Best place to swim
Best yoga studio
Best yoga teacher
Most unusual athletic event
Category we didn't think of

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Council Should Kill Illegal Deal

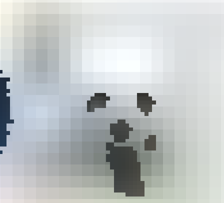
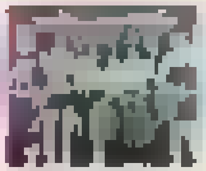


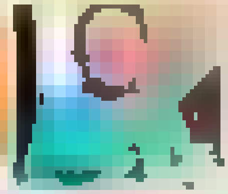


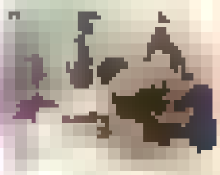
A Tectonic Shift for Pot

By David Downs

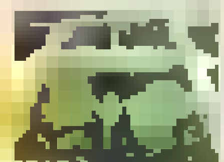

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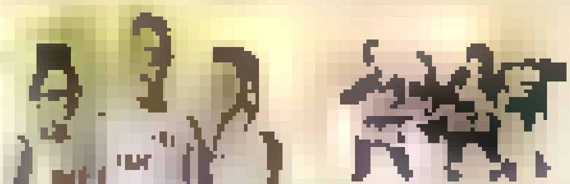








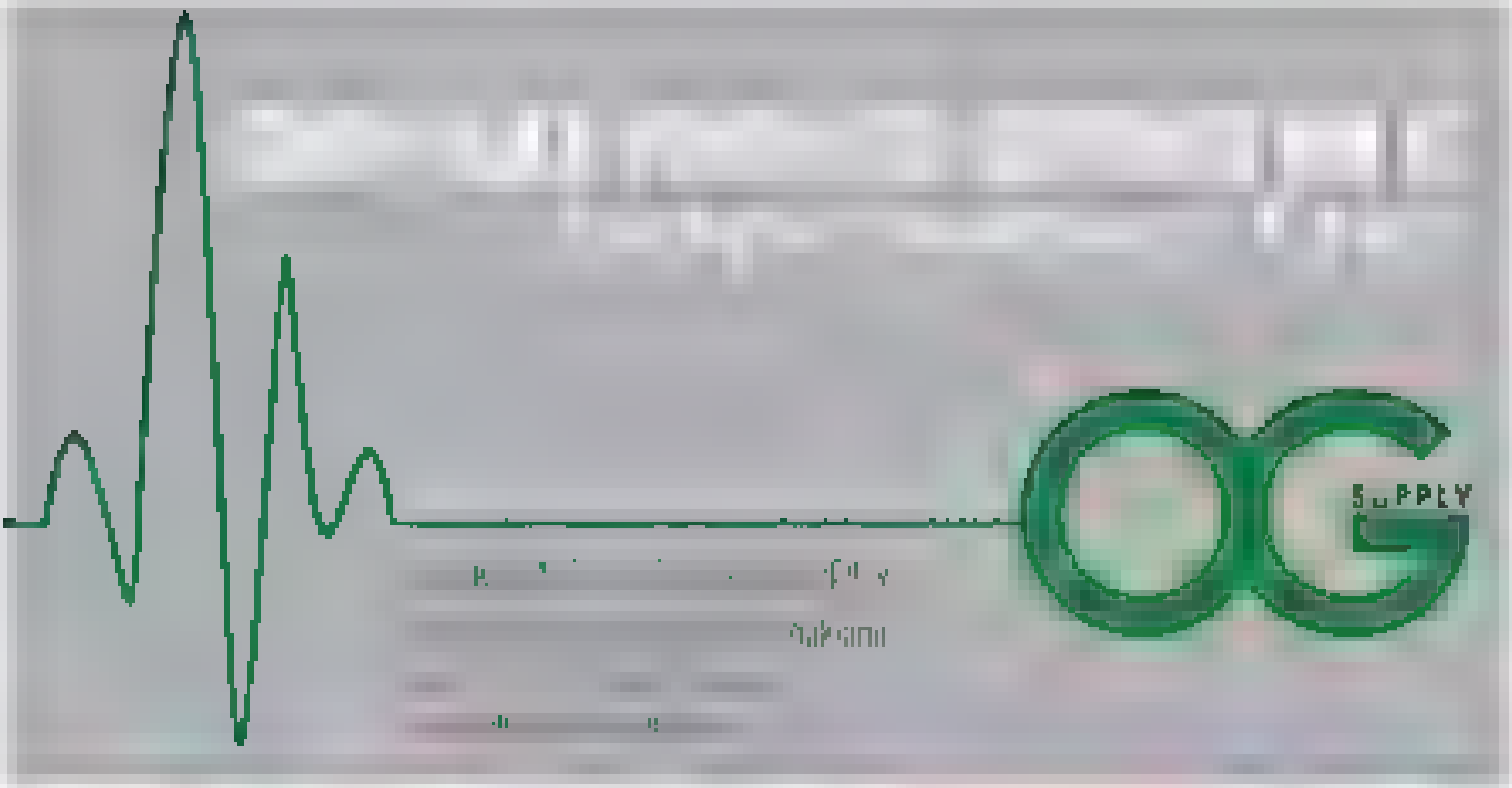





How Landlords Prevail in Rent Disputes

By Sam Levin


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Austerity's Champion

For years, Dan Borenstein, an influential columnist and editorial page writer for the *Oakland Tribune* and the *Contra Costa Times*, has [illegible] that public employee pensions are strangling local governments. The problem is: He's wrong.

By Darwin BondGraham and Steven Tavares

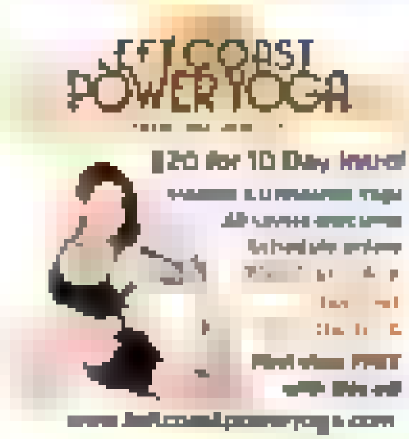


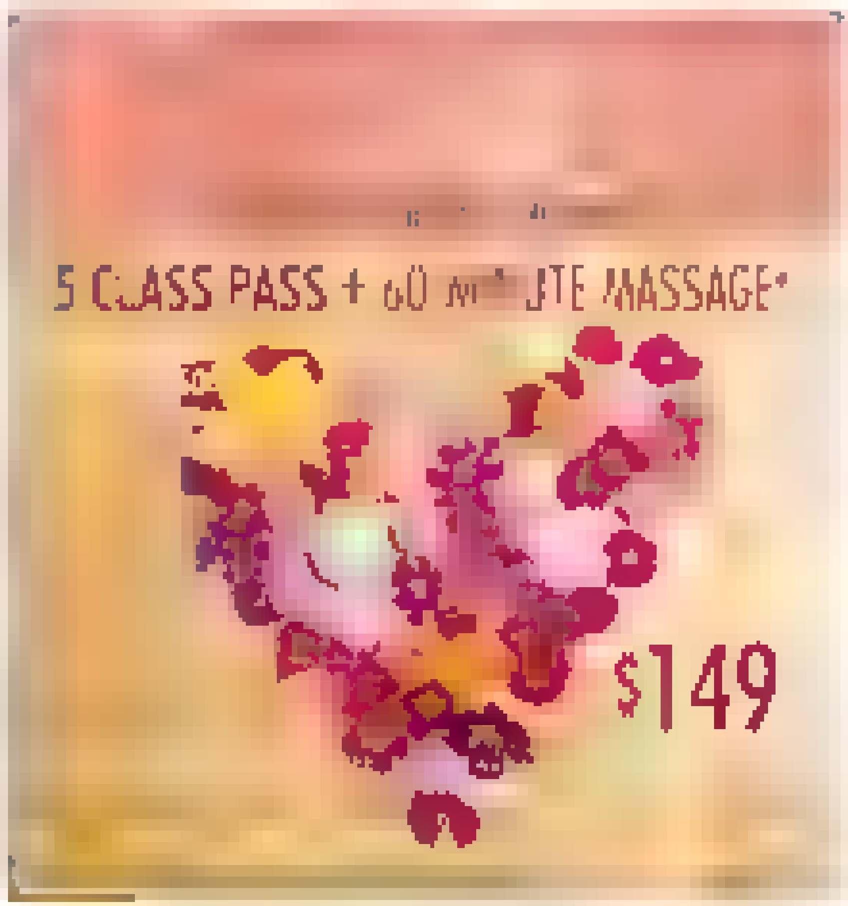
"[Borenstein] hammers on this one issue about pension funding relentlessly," Unger said. "And when he gives talks, he presents what he's doing as journalism, when, in fact, it's opinion, and it's only his opinion. … Unfortunately, there's no [Paul] Krugman to 'counter] his conservative voice in the Bay Area."





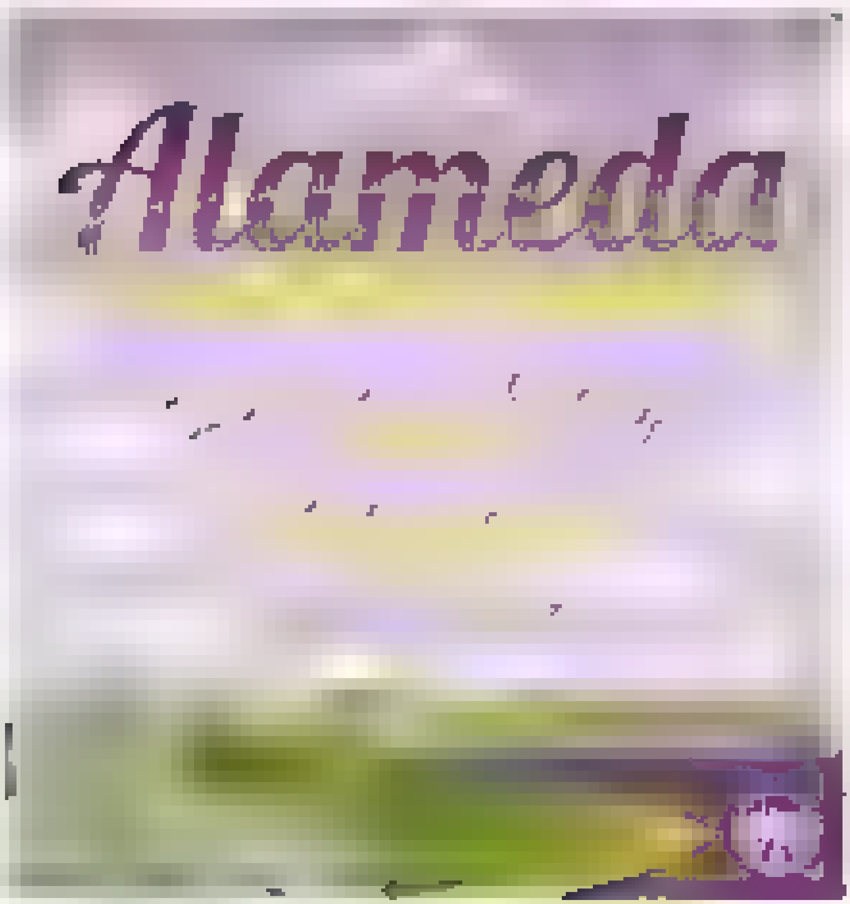

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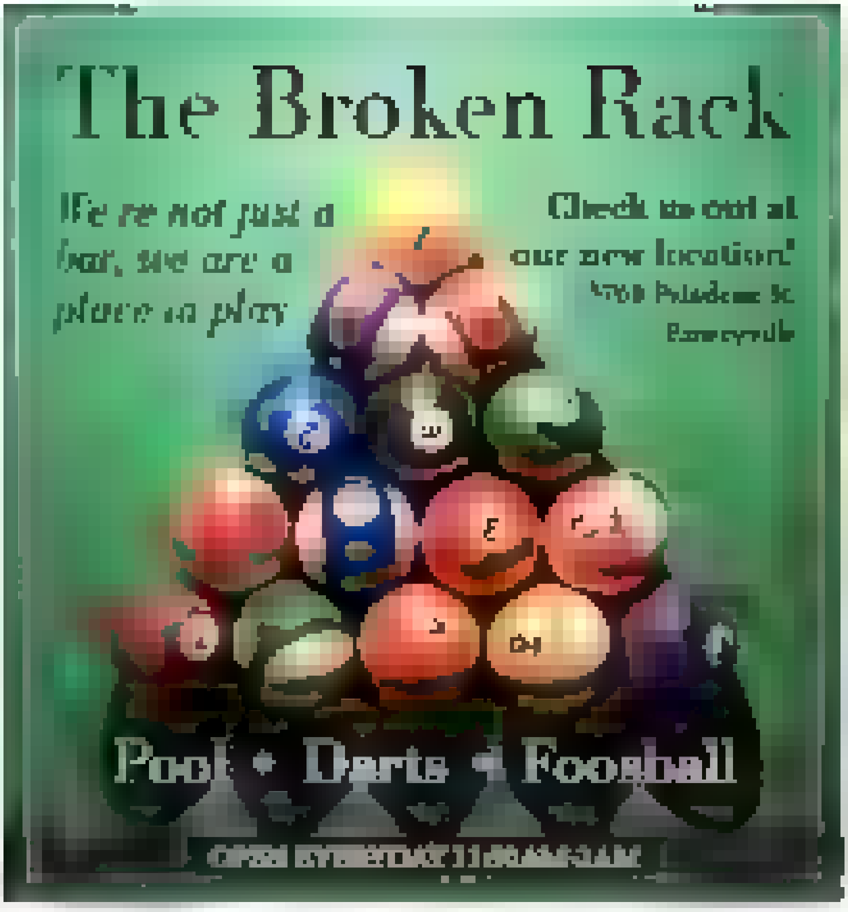



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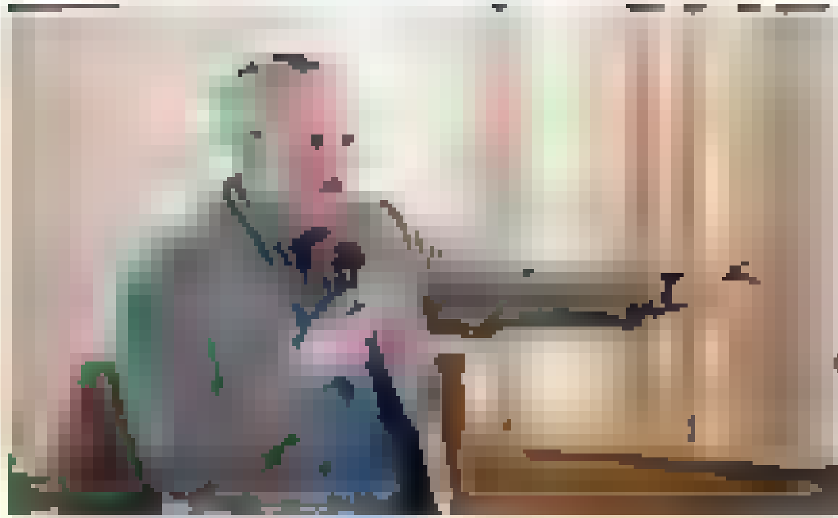

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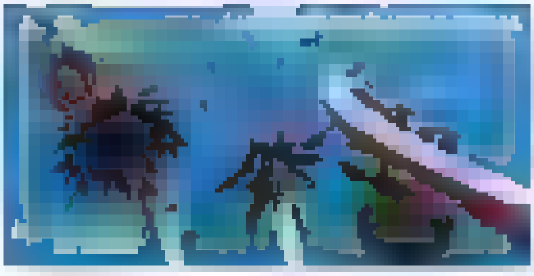
By Gillian Edevane

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Emeryville's Marina Park
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What is 'Public' Art?





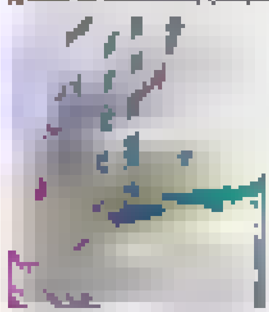




Oakland's New International Icon

Artist Zio Ziegler created a massive mural in downtown Oakland for the United Nations.

By Sarah Burke



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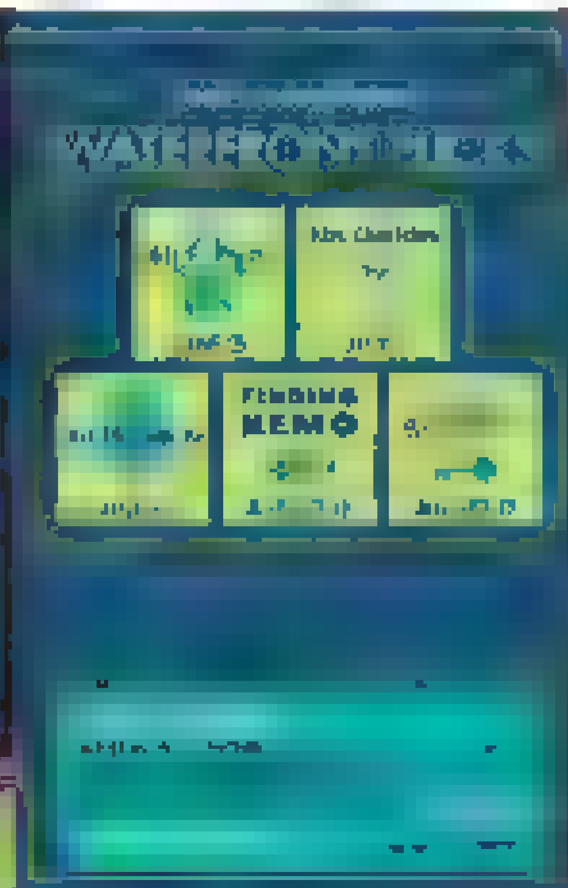


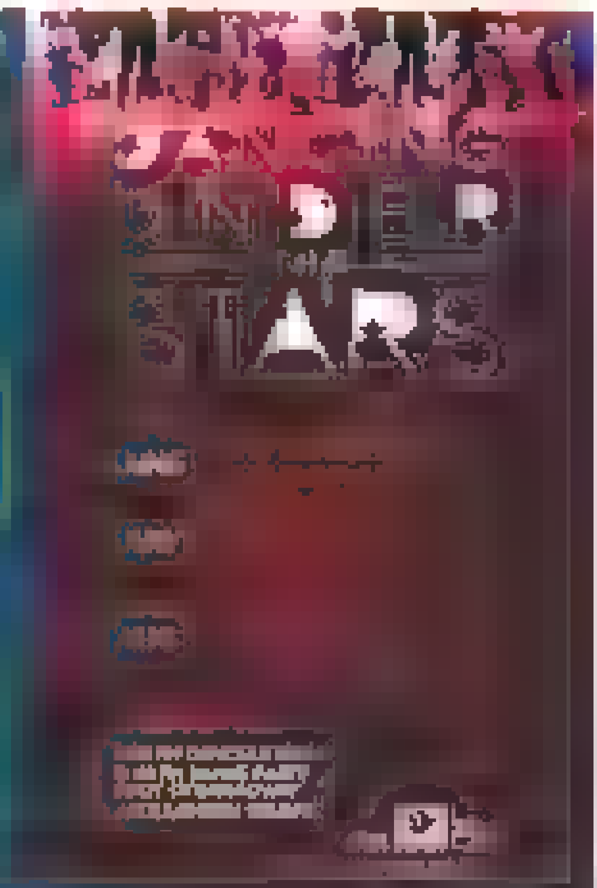
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An Open Love Letter to Black Fathers, A Choreopoem



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In her first book, Tender Points, Amy Berkowitz parses the reality of living with chronic pain that is constantly being discredited by men.

By Sarah Burke





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By Kelly Vance

Testament of Youth

Jurassic World







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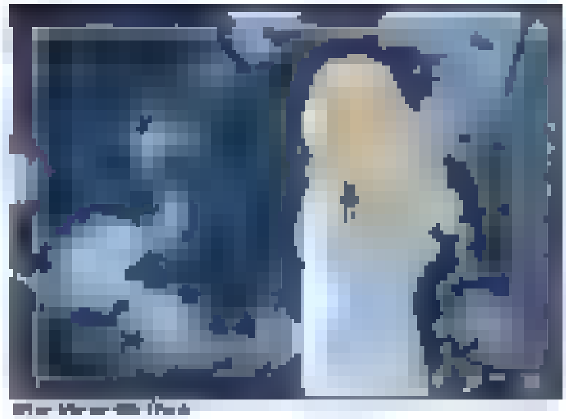



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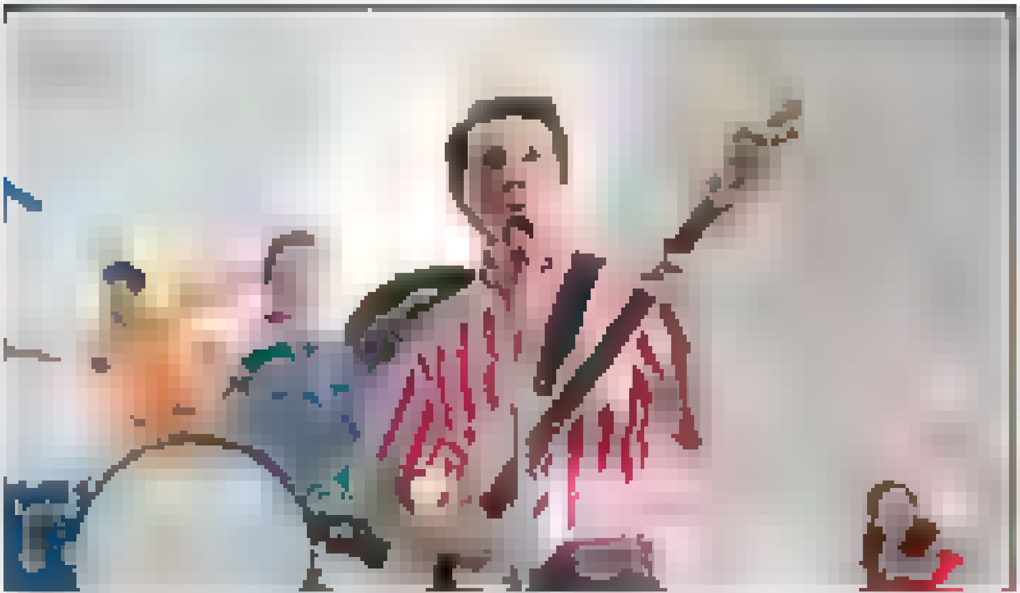




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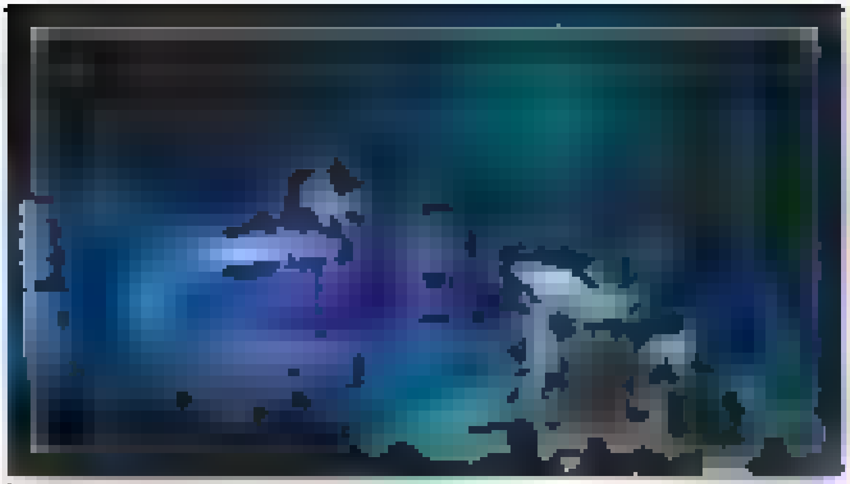
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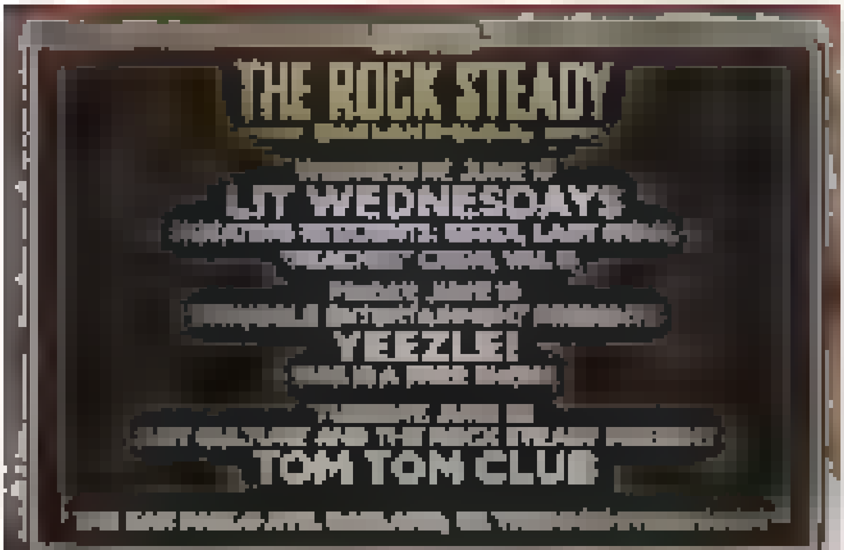
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REED MATHIS
WILL BERNARD
WIL BLADES



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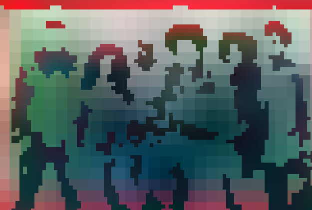


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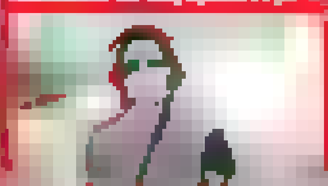
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THE NEW PARISH



FRIDAY 6-19

SATURDAY 6-20



THURSDAY 6-25

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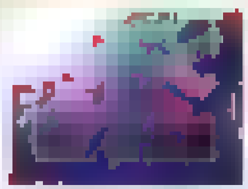
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WED 6-24 THE EXPANDERS

THU 6-25 MARCUS COHEN
& THE CONGRESS

FRI 6-26 JOHNNY VIDACOVICH
REED MATHIS
WILL BERNARD
WIL BLADES

SAT 6-27 JACCO GARDNER



SUN 6-28
EAST BAY
BRASS BAND

TUE 6-30 FRUITION

THU 7-2 POUYA
FAT NICK
SIR MICHAEL ROCKS

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FRI 7-10 FRENCH CASSETTES

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Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Experimental & Avant Garde

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

FRIDAY 19

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Garden of Memory



Sarah Bethe Nelson

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

SATURDAY 20

Blues, Folk, & Country

Classical & Opera

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret


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Rock & Pop

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SUNDAY 21

Blues, Folk, & Country

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Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

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Rock & Pop

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Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

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Blues, Folk, & Country

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Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

MONDAY 22

Blues, Folk, & Country

Gospel & Vocal

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

TUESDAY 23

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Experimental & Avant Garde

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

WEDNESDAY 24

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop

Soul, Funk, R&B, & Hip-Hop

World, Latin, Reggae, & Reggaeton

Blues, Folk, & Country

Jazz, Lounge, & Cabaret

Rock & Pop









THURSDAY 18

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Horoscopes for the week of June 18–24

By Rob Brezsny







Jackhammer

How to retrain your dick.

By Dan Savage

My boyfriend and I both spent a lot of time masturbating when we were young, and pretty much trained our brains to come only one way. He can only come from masturbating furiously, or sometimes from a marathon of jackhammer sex. A few years before I met him, I toned down the masturbating to retrain my brain and pussy and tried a bunch of new things, and I can now come from different sex and positions. It wasn't easy, but I am so happy with this versatility. I'm starting to get annoyed that he isn't working harder to overcome this jackhammering reliance. You know, it's super boring, and it makes me feel like I might as well be an inflatable doll. We've talked about it, and he says he'll masturbate less, and that does help (sometimes it's a half hour of jackhammering instead of hours), but I'm still eager for more variety — and to be able to walk after sex and ride a bike the next day. For what it's worth, about half the time he just lets me come but then and then gives up on himself. Can you recommend anything that would help him? Then I know I'm [illegible] and this sex [illegible] and I accommodate him as much as possible. I think I'm being reasonable, but I'm sure you'll tell me if I'm not.

Staying A Massive Masturbator Eventually [illegible] Dick

Here's how you retrain his dick: Your boyfriend stops doing what he's always done — no more masturbating or fucking in the style to which his dick has become accustomed — but he keeps on fucking you and he keeps on masturbating. But he is not allowed to revert to jackhammering, going at your pussy or his fist. If he doesn't get off, if he doesn't come, he doesn't come. Eventually his dick, in desperation, will adjust to its new, subtler sensations, and he'll be able to get off without jackhammering. Or not.

Some guys can retrain their dicks — and some women can retrain their pussies — but some people have carved too deep a groove into themselves and their junk. Other people really do require intense stimulation to get off, and they have to figure out how to incorporate that intense stimulation into partnered sex without destroying their partners' orifices. But the only way to find out if your boyfriend's dick can be retrained is to try and retrain it. The fact that masturbating less cut his jackhammering down from hours to half an hour is a positive sign.

Oh god, Dan! Help! How do I get over my jealousy over my bisexual boyfriend, who may want to act on his urges for women? We've been together and had a happy gay life for [illegible] years, open with men for only three of those years. He has integrity, and he says he would never cheat on me, but he's getting to the point where he is gonna hook up with women, whether I am okay with it or not. There's more to it, though. He is perfect in every facet of his life. A perfect person and a gift to the world, so any woman would be crazy not to want him for herself. We are deeply in love, but I'm afraid of a woman's ultimate intention for a guy like my partner.

Jealousy Average Gay Guy

Gay and bi men are just as interested in having partners who are perfect in every facet of life, JAGG, and yet you trust your boyfriend to fuck other guys and come home to you. You'll just have to trust your gift-to-the-world boyfriend to do the same with women: fuck a woman now and then but come home to you after. The "ultimate intention" of whatever woman your boyfriend fucks should concern you less than your boyfriend's ultimate intention. Does he ultimately intend to stay with you? Or would he ultimately prefer to be with someone else? If he wants to stay with you, then you'll have to trust that your nine-year relationship is strong enough to withstand a little opposite-sex hooking up.

I'm a 23-year-old heterosexual female, and I've been in a long-term friends-with-benefits relationship for a little more than four years. My FWB partner and I have recently decided to move from being FWB to actually dating. The issue is that we've both become so accustomed to the late-night texting-and-hookup routine that going on dates seems awkward and forced. It doesn't help that neither of us has been in a relationship before, so we both feel a little in the dark on how to navigate this. I really do like the guy (and our sex life is amazing), but I'm not sure how to move past the in-between phase we've found ourselves in. Have we been in FWB-land too long to come back?

Lost In Datingland

Dating is what people do before entering into a relationship — or it's what most people used to do — and you two are already in a relationship. It was a FWB relationship, yes, but it was still a relationship. And people in relationships don't typically go out on dates. So, yeah, the reason going out on a date with your boyfriend feels awkward is because you're not dating, LID, not at this stage. You're together. So be together. Go places, do things, have dinner, see friends, go home, fuck amazingly. Spend more time together, build on what you've already established (i.e., the emotional and sexual connection that carried you through the last four years), and stop stressing about performing the roles of "boyfriend" and "girlfriend."

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